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SUBJ: TEACHERS WITHDRAW CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT

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1. AS ADVERTISED, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE KHMER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (AMCEK) TODAY FORMALLY WITHDREW CONFIDENCE IN THE LONG BORET GOVERNMENT. THE DAY HAS OTHERWISE PASSED QUIETLY IN PHNOM PENH AND WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF STUDENT OR TEACHER DEMONSTRATIONS FROM THE PROVINCES.

2. AMCEK'S TWO-PAGE DECLARATION REPLAYED PREVIOUS TEACHER/ STUDENT THEMES: IT CASTIGATED THE RULING CLIQUE AS INCOMPETENT SOWERS OF CORRUPTION, DISORDER AND FASCISM AND TIED THEM TO CHINESE BUSINESS INTERESTS SEEKING TO ENRICH THEMSELVES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE. UNDER LONG BORET, THE DOCUMENT NOTED, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED SERIOUSLY, AND PRICE INCREASES HAVE HIT THE "LITTLE PEOPLE" AND FUNCTIONARIES

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WITH FIXED INCOMES.

3. THE DECLARATION NOTED THE ONE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FOR IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH THE APRIL 5 NATIONAL CONGRESS OF TEACHERS HAD GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT. THIS TIME HAS ELAPSED, THE DECLARATION SAID, WITH AN EXACERBATION RATHER THAN A SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ACCORDINGLY, THE DECLARATION STATED, "THE THIRTY THOUSAND MEMBERS OF AMCEK SOLEMNLY WITHDRAW CONFIDENCE IN THE LONG BORET GOVERNMENT FROM MAY 17, 1974." AMCEK, IT SAID, DOES NOT AIM TO REPLACE LONG BORET'S GOVERNMENT WITH ANY OTHER, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSERT ITS DEMANDS REGARDLESS OF WHO HELD POWER. THE DECLARATION ALSO APPEALED TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION TO SUPPORT AMCEK'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE AMCEK CENTRAL COMMITTEE ORIGINALLY-ANNOUNCED PLAN WAS TO HOLD A FORMAL MEETING TODAY IN ORDER TO DRAFT THE DECLARATION AND DECIDE ON A FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. NO MEETING WAS, IN FACT, HELD. THE DECLARATION CLEARLY WAS DRAWN UP IN ADVANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION TODAY. THE QUESTION OF FUTURE AMCEK ACTIVITIES WAS APPARENTLY LEFT IN THE AIR. WE EXPECT THAT GRUNK/FUNK WILL MAKE CONSIDERABLE HAY OUT OF THE AMCEK DECLARATION.  
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